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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR & RD Department – Allegation of irregularities / misappropriation of Government funds (a) In execution of work "ZP road to Paradanipattu to Aradigudem" and (b) office transactions in PR Division, Paderu- Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer, PR, E.G. District and working as Chief Engineer, PR – Charges framed – Inquiry Conducted - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.97

Dated:08 .03.2022
Read the following:

1. From the GA (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No. 129 (390/ Appraisal Report No. 129 (390/V&E/E1/08), dated: 07.08.2008.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1170, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dt:16.07.2013.
3. From Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, former S.E, PR,E.G. Dist,. and retired C.E, PR, written statement of defence, dt: Nil (rec. on 27.05.2015)
4. G.O.Rt.No.278, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 19.03.2016.
5. G.O.Rt.No.279, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 19.03.2016.
6. G.O.Rt.No.550, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 26.08.2019.
7. From Sri R.P. Sisodia, IAS, Commissioner of Inquiries, G.A. Department, D.O. letter NO. 165/COI-RPS/2019, dated: 11.01.2022.
8. Govt. Memo No. 20612/Vig. I/2008-12, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 16.07.2021.
9. From Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, former S.E, PR, E.G. District and retired C.E (PR), representation dt: 24.11.2021.

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ORDER:-

Based on the recommendations of the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department made in the reference 1st read above, on the allegation of irregularities and misappropriation of Govt. funds in execution of (a) work "ZP road to Paradanipattu to Aradigudem and (b) office transactions in PR Division, Paderu, Government, have initiated disciplinary proceedings and framed following article of charge under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer, PR, E.G. District and working as Chief Engineer (PR), vide reference 2nd read above with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge :

That Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer, PR, Kakinada, now working as Chief Engineer, PR has committed certain irregularities / misappropriation of Government fund took place in execution of work (viz, road work ZP Road to Paradanipattu to Aradigudem KM) and office transactions in PR Division, Paderu, and he did not check measure the earth work levels and quantity as instructed by the Chief Engineer, PR, Hyderabad.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Charged Officer Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, former S.E, PR and retired Chief Engineer (PR) has submitted his written statement of defence.

3. Having not satisfied with the written statement of defence submitted by the above Charged Officer, Government have decided to conduct regular inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, former Superintending Engineer, PR, E.G. District and retired Chief Engineer (PR) and also into the charges framed against co-charged officer Sri K. Venugopal, former M.E.O, Athreyapuram in the matter.

(P.T.O.,)

4. Accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, Government have issued orders initiating common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against the above two Charged Officers. Simultaneously, vide reference 5th read above, Government have appointed Dr. Prem Chand, IAS (Retired), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department as the Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against the above two Charged Officers. The case has been re-assigned from time to time on administrative grounds and Government vide reference 6th read above have appointed Sri R.P. Sisodia, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Commissioner of Inquiries (FAC), G.A. (COI) Department as the Inquiring Authority to conduct inquiry in place of previous Inquiring Authority.

5. In the reference 7th read above, Sri R.P. Sisodia, IAS, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department and Inquiring Authority has furnished inquiry report dt: 11.01.2021 along with findings. In respect of Charged Officer P. Prabhakar Reddy, former Superintending Engineer, PR, E.G. District, the Inquiring Authority has mentioned that the Charged Officer himself has admitted that he has not check measured the work. The I.A has mentioned that the reasons given by the C.O., are certainly extenuating, but it is for the disciplinary authority to decide whether the charged officer has to be let of due to these reasons or punished. The Charged Officer has been candid enough to admit that he has not been able to check measure the work In his examination and also in his written arguments. Suffice it for this forum to conclude that he is found guilty of the charge.

6. In the reference 8th read above, Government, have communicated the copy of the Inquiry report to the charged officer Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, former S.E, PR, E.G. District and retired C.E (PR) for submitting his representation, if any on the findings of the Inquiry Authority.

7. In the reference 9th read above, the charged officer Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, former S.E, PR, E.G. District and retired C.E (PR) has submitted representation duly stating that at the time of execution of the said work, the Superintending Engineer's jurisdiction was two Divisions ie., Vizag and East Godavari and the work was located in Tribal Agency area in Paderu Division and extremist activities were high due to which he was unable to check measured the work in question. He has requested to consider the above facts and to drop further action against him.

8. Government have examined the matter and observe that the charge framed against Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, Superintending Engineer (PR) is that he did not check measure the earth work levels and quantity as instructed by CE, PR. The Charged officer in his written arguments filed before the Inquiry Authority has also stated that the work was executed in very much interior in forest area having naxal problem in the particular work, however, the work was taken up with departmental execution and the Superintending Engineer's jurisdiction was two Divisions ie., Vizag and East Godavari having one circle Hqs. at Kakinada headed by Superintending Engineer (PR) at that time and Govt., vehicle movement is very difficult to get frequent inspections. The Inquiry Authority has stated that the reasons given by the Charged Officer are certainly extenuating but it is left to the disciplinary authority to decide whether the charged Officer has to be let of due to these reasons or punished. Accordingly, after considering the observations of I.A. in the inquiry report as well as the representation of the charged officer, Government have taken a decision to drop further action against Sri P. Prabhakara Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer (PR) now Chief Engineer (PR)(Retd), since the charge framed against him is supervisory lapses and the same do not warrant imposition of major penalty of cut in pension of the individual.

9. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby drop further action against Sri P.Prabhakara Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer (PR) now Chief Engineer (PR)(Retd) in the matter.

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10. The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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District and retired Chief Engineer (PR)
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through Engineer - in - Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Engineer - In - Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Copy to:-
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi
OSD to Hon'ble Minister, PR&RD.
PS to Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD.
SF/SC.

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